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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of Riehle et al.

Art Unit: 1744

Serial Number: 10/008,027

Examiner: William H. Beisner

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Attorney's Docket: 10086

Title: Reduced ByProduct High Solid Polyamine-Epihalohydrin Compositions

June 1, 2004

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action Mailed February 2, 2004 in connection with the above identified patent application, Applicants submit the following remarks and amendments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the remarks and amendments.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

1. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 112

Claims 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite.

2. CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-12, 14-16, 1718-25 and 34-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Riehle et al. (US 6,554,961 or US 2003/0205345).